

## S | RUINED BY RACE TRACKS

**Alexander Proctor of Potomac Insurance Company, Defaulter.**

WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY

**Owne** **Horses** **Himself** **and** **Backe**  
**Them** **on** **the** **Losing** **Side**—**His** **Short**  
**age**, **\$3,500**—**Confessed** **His** **Offense**  
**to** **Secretary** **Bradley**—**No** **Arrest**  
**Made**

Another victim of the Virginia race tracks was discovered yesterday when the Potomac Insurance Company found that its assistant secretary, Alexander H. Proctor, was \$3,500 short in his accounts, for the probable ruin in which Mr. Proctor is involved and the disgrace he has brought upon his sister and aged mother may be traced directly to Proctor's penchant for fast

horses and his patronage of the Virginia tracks.

Efforts are on foot among the friends of the defaulter to compromise the matter and make good the shortage.

Speculations of a rector have been carried on for two years and were discovered on last Friday by Joseph H. Bradley, secretary of the Potomac Insurance Company.

The announcement caused a sensation in

**ENGAGEMENT BROKEN OFF.**  
It is understood that Proctor was engaged to one of the belles of the West End, but because of the developments of the last few days, reflecting seriously upon the

Mr. Proctor was in charge of the loan department of the company, and the interest on loans passed through his hands. An examination of the books shows that in a number of instances during the past

About six months ago a loan was advanced to a woman in Georgetown. It appears that before the maturity of the note she went to the office of the company. No. 1219 Thirty-second street, and paid Proctor \$3,000 on account. The note fell

due last Friday. On that day Secretary Bradley visited the woman and learned that she had paid \$3,000.

**CONFESSED HIS GUILT.**

Mr. Bradley returned to the office. To make sure that there could be no mistake he ran through the books, but there was no entry to correspond with this payment. He immediately Jack Bradley to

Mr. Bradley notified the president of company, Mr. H. M. Sweeney, who is also president of the Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank. That gentleman is, un-

four years old, and has but recently recovered from an illness which it was thought would terminate fatally. He was a great admirer of Proctor, and was deeply moved by the downfall of the young man. President Sweeney immediately called a special meeting of the board of directors, at which the following named persons were present: H. M. Sweeney, George T. Don-

Mr. Wine thought that in consideration of the family of the young man, and the excellent reputation which he bore, the board of directors should make up enough to cover the loss. He was willing to share his part of the burden. Most of the mem-

It was decided that Proctor's resignation should take effect at once, and that the surety company, which made itself liable on his bond, should be held responsible for the loss. It is with this company that

his influential friends will seek to make peace. Contrary to certain reports, Mr. Proctor has not left Washington, but keeps to the family home on L street, near Twentieth, very closely. He sees only his most intimate friends.

The father of Mr. Proctor was for a long term of years an employee of Riggs Bank, and dying, left the care of the family to

Alexander, the young man, who is but twenty-seven years old, entered the service of the company ten years ago in the capacity of office boy. He was promoted steadily, and when Joseph Bradley was promoted to succeed Minew Plater as secretary, the office of assistant secretary was created for Proctor.

He acquired the habit of frequenting the race tracks. It is said that he owns two horses, and that when they have run, he has backed them heavily and disastrously. The race track is given as the reason for his fall. He had no other extravagant tastes and was regarded as a discreet and conscientious man. The case was the current topic throughout Georgetown last night.

**TARSENEY'S MAIL PLAN.**  
Would Have all Matter Handled at  
Central Postoffices.  
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 5.—Congressman  
Tarseney has asked the Postmaster General  
and President for an extension of civil ser-

His especial object is to abolish the post-office at Kansas City, Kan., and give the postoffice at Kansas City, Mo., full charge of the mail for the two cities, thus avoiding much confusion and unnecessary ex-

**Stabbed Her Eight Times.**  
Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 5.—Jersey Lily Dale, a woman of bad reputation, was stabbed to death today at noon on the Big Sandy River, fifty miles south of here, by her common-law husband.

**Killed Himself on a Train.**  
Denver, Col., Dec. 5.—John M. Kincaid, an old resident, shot and killed himself this morning in a Pullman sleeper on the

**Auction Sales To-day.**  
Ratcliffe, Sutton & Co., 920 Pennsylvania  
avenue—Eleventh street northeast, No. 832,  
two-story brick dwelling, lot 24, square  
958; by order of M. Ashford and G. E. Flem-  
ing, trustees. Sale Monday, December 2, at

4:30 p. m. Postponed until today at 4:30 p. m.

Duncanson Bros., Ninth and D streets—Arthur Place, near C street northwest, building site lot 41, square 633; by order of L. D. Wine and C. B. Rheem, trustees. Sale today at 4:45 p. m.

Duncanson Bros., Ninth and D streets—Arthur Place, No. 212, two-story and base-

ment brick dwelling, lot 83, square 633; by order of same. Sale today at 1:15 p. m.

Duncanson Bros., Ninth and D streets—Arthur Place northwest, No. 218, two story and basement brick dwelling, lot 50, square 633; by order of same. Sale today at 4:30 p. m.

Thomas Dowling & Co., 612 E street northwest—Third street northwest, No.

1127, three-story brick dwelling, part lot 3, square 556. Sale Monday, December 2, at 4:30 p. m. Postponed until today at 4:30 p. m.

Thomas Dowling & Co., 612 E. street northwest—Tenth street southeast, No. 313, two-story frame dwelling, part original lot 6, square 945. Sale today at 4:30 p. m.

Walter B. Williams & Co., 1001 Pennsv-

vaux avenue northwest—R street northeast,  
No. 42, brick dwelling, lot 23, square 5,  
West Eckington; by order of W. E. Ed-  
monston and J. D. Coughlan, trustees. Sale  
today at 4 p. m.

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